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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

In re: Patent Application of:)
 Stuelpnagel et al.)
 Serial No.: 09/606,369)
 Filing Date: June 28, 2000)
 Title: COMPOSITE ARRAYS)
 UTILIZING MICROSPHERES WITH A)
 HYBRIDIZATION CHAMBER)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition for a 3 month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. The due date for the enclosed Response to Office Action, including the requested 3 month Extension of Time, is May 18, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$510.00 for the 3 month Extension of Time to Deposit Account No. 502690 (Order No. A-67493-3).

Respectfully submitted,

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